THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No proposal has been received in the Central Electricity Authority for a diesel based power plant in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र में विदेशी/गैर सरकारी निवेश

1038. **श्रीमती आनंदीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र में विदेशी/गैर-सरकारी निवेशकों को स्वीकृति देने हेतु प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे कितने निवेशकों को विद्युत क्षेत्र में प्रवेश की मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत की गई विद्युत परियोजनाओं पर कार्य आरंभ हो गया है ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं पर कब तक कार्य प्रारम्भ हो जाने की संभावना है और इनकी अनुमानित कुल विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है ; और

(च) ये प्रस्तावित परियोजनायें राज्य के किन-किन जिलों में स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (च) गुजरात पावर कारपोरेशन लि० (जि० पी०सी०एल०) ने सूचित किया है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पगुथन (जिला भरुच) में 655 मेगावाट की विद्युत परियोजना और मंगरौल (सूरत) में 250 मैगावाट लिगनाइट आधारित विद्युत परियोजना का क्रियान्वयन क्रमश: मैसर्स गुजरात टोरंट एनर्जी कारपोरेशन (जी०टी०ई०एल०) और गुजरात इंडस्ट्रियल पावर कारपोरेशन लि० (जी० आई० पी०सी०एल०) को निजी क्षेत्र में निष्पादन के लिए सौंप दिया गया है । जी०टी०ई०सी० का प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा कुछ शर्तों के अधीन तकनीकी-आर्थिक दृष्टि से स्वीकृत कर दिया गया है ।

जी०पी०सी०एल० ने सूचित किया है कि पगुथन विद्युत परियोजना और मंगरोल में लिग्नाइट आधारित विद्युत परियोजना के क्रमश: नवम्बर, 1996 और मार्च, 1999 तक पूरी हो जाने की संभावना है ।

Power Shortage in Gujarat

1039. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of shortage of power being faced by Gujarat at present ;

(b) what is the annual transmission losses suffered by that State ;

(c) whether Government have provided any financial assistance to that State for modernisation of transmission system ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April' 1994—October, 1994, the energy shortage in Gujarat was 3.4%.

(b) The annual transmission and distribution losses suffered by Gujarat during 1992-93 was 22.20%.

(c) and (d) Power distribution falls within the perview of SEB/

Electricity Departments of the State Govts. and the power utilities have to arrange financial resources on their own or modernisation of their power transmission system.

Mejia Thermal Project

1040. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what was scheduled date of completion of Mejia Thermal Project under DVC;

(b) what has been the time and cost over-run so far and what are the reasons for the delay ;

(c) what is the revised date of completion of the project and the date of inception of commercial production ; and

(d) what are the plans of DVC on the two units of its Durgapur Plant which were damaged by fire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The original scheduled date of completion of Mejia Thermal Power Project was September, 1992.

(b) The time and cost over run so far are 27 months and Rs. 857 crores respectively. The delay is attributable to the following reasons :—

(1) Non receipt of clear land.

(2) Non availability of construction water and power supply.

(3) Late receipt of layout and loading details in respect of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited's equipment and belated submission of requisite information/date required for finalisation of tender specification of Ash Handling Plant, Control and Instrumentation, Circulating Water Pumps etc. by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.

(4) Acute fund crunch in Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) from 9/91 to 12/93.

(5) Delay in submission and erection of Control and Instrumentation package by M/s. Kerala Electronics Development Corporation.

(6) Delay in execution of stack order due to High Court case between M/s. DEACON Tikman & DVC.

(c) The revised date of completion of the project is December, 1996 followed by commercial production with effect from April, 1997.

(d) DVC is considering rehabilitation of the two fire damaged units of Durgapur Thermal Power Station. Feasibility report in this regard alongwith cost estimate of Rs. 353.00 crore (without Interest During Construction) has been submitted to Central Electricity Authority in November, 1994.

Shortage of Coal at Chandrapur Thermal Power Station

1041. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether load shedding has been introduced in several parts of Maharashtra due to shortage of coal at Chandrapur Thermal Power Station ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what is the extent of shortage of coal in the said power station and since when this shortage is continuing ;

(d) the reasons for not taking timely steps to replenish the depleting coal stocks and what steps have the Government taken or prop-